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In re Application of

ALBERT STEK et al.

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AMENDMENT

Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated 01/04/06, please amend the above-identified application as follows: